



Lieutenant Colonel Craig Baumgartner – Commander, 15th Engineer Battalion

Lt. Col. Craig Baumgartner was commissioned in the United States Army Corps of Engineers in May 1993 from the United States Military Academy.

His previous assignments include: Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer, 317th Engineer Battalion, Fort Benning, Georgia including an operational deployment to Saudi Arabia/Kuwait in support of Operation Vigilant Warrior; Adjutant and Company Commander, 1st Engineer Battalion, Fort Riley, Kansas including an operational deployment to Bosnia-Herzegovina in support of Stabilization Force-6; Engineer Trainer, 3d Battalion, 307th Regiment, 5th Brigade, 87th Division (Training Support), Fort Jackson, South Carolina; Engineer Future Operations Officer, Coalition Forces Land Component Command, Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom I/II and Operation Enduring Freedom; Brigade Engineer, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia including a combat tour in Tikrit, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III; Battalion S3, 1-3 Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, including a combat tour in Ramadi, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom V; Joint Engineer Observer/Trainer for United States Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM) in Norfolk, Virginia.

Lt. Col. Baumgartner earned a Bachelors Degree in Engineering Management from the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY, a Masters Degree in Engineering Management from the University of Missouri-Rolla, and a Masters Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. He is also a graduate of the Joint Combined Warfighter School, the College of Naval Command and Staff, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, and the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses.

Lt. Col. Baumgartner's military awards and decorations include: Bronze Star Medal (1 OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLCs), Army Commendation Medal (2 OLCs), Army Achievement Medal (4 OLCs), National Defense Service Medal (Bronze Star), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal (Bronze Star), Iraq Campaign Medal (2 Bronze Stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and NATO Medal. His badges include the Combat Action Badge and Parachutist Badge.